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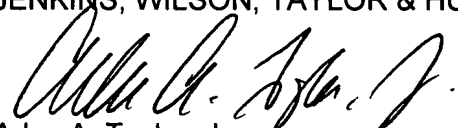
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1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
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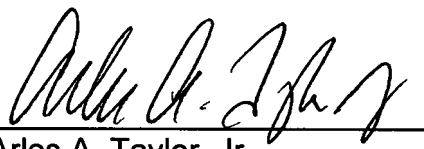
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